



Snowy Mountain Development Corporation MAY 11 2015

LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL
POLICY OFFICE

Montana Environmental Quality Council
P.O. Box 201704
Helena, MT 59620-1704

Good Afternoon,

5/6/2015

The City of Lewistown is applying to the Montana Department of Commerce's Non-Competitive Housing Rehabilitation Community Development Block Grant Program for grant funding to assist with health and safety rehabilitation projects in single family dwellings within the Lewistown city limits.

If the application is successful; Snowy Mountain Development Corporation will serve as the grant administrator.

The emphasis of the program will be to improve the health and safety aspects of single family homes for low to moderate income families in Lewistown. The rehabilitation work will take place in existing homes and the city does not anticipate any new construction via this program.

The environmental checklist that accompanied the city's application (attached) did not show any adverse environmental impacts.

If your agency has concerns or comments about this application, please submit them to Snowy Mountain Development Corporation, 613 NE Main Street, Lewistown, Montana 59457; or contact SMDC at 406-535-2591.

Your comments would be most useful if received within 30 days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Craig K. Flentie'.

Craig K. Flentie

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SECTION D --- UNIFORM ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

UNIFORM ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Name of Project: Lewistown Housing Rehabilitation Project

Name of Environmental Certifying Officer:
Duane Ferdinand

Title
City of Lewistown City Planner

Name of Person Preparing this Form:
Carrie Mantooth

Title
SMDC Program Director

I Duane Ferdinand, have reviewed the information presented
(print name of Environmental Certifying Officer)

in this checklist and believe that it accurately identifies the environmental resources in the area and the potential impacts that the project could have on those resources. In addition, the required state and federal agencies were provided with the required information about the project and requested to provide comments on the proposed public facility project.

Signature: Duane Ferdinand

Date: _

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PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	
Key <div>N</div>	1. Soil Suitability, Topographic and/or Geologic Constraints (e.g., soil slump, steep slopes, subsidence, seismic activity) <i>Source of Information: Fergus County Soil Survey</i>
Key <div>N</div>	2. Hazardous Facilities (e.g., power lines, hazardous waste sites, acceptable distance from explosive and flammable hazards including chemical/petrochemical storage tanks, underground fuel storage tanks, and related facilities such as natural gas storage facilities & propane storage tanks) <i>Comments: Project will not include removal or disturbance of flammable hazards and/or underground fuel storage tanks. Source: City maps, LFD</i>
Key <div>B</div>	3. Effects of Project on Surrounding Air Quality or Any Kind of Effects of Existing Air Quality on Project (e.g., dust, odors, emissions) <i>Comments: Potential improvements to air quality with low emission, energy efficient furnaces. Source: MT DEQ</i>
Key <div>N</div>	4. Groundwater Resources & Aquifers (e.g., quantity, quality, distribution, depth to groundwater, sole source aquifers) <i>Source of Information: Fergus County Soil Survey</i>

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Key N	5. Surface Water/Water Quality, Quantity & Distribution (e.g., streams, lakes, storm runoff, irrigation systems, canals) <i>Source of Information: City Planning Department</i>
Key M	6. Floodplains & Floodplain Management (Identify any floodplains within one mile of the boundary of the project.) <i>Comments and Source of Information: Some of the project work could occur in flood boundary. Source: FIRM and Flood Hazard Map.</i>
Key N	7. Wetlands Protection (Identify any wetlands within one mile of the boundary of the project.) <i>Source of Information: City Maps.</i>
Key N	8. Agricultural Lands, Production, & Farmland Protection (e.g., grazing, forestry, cropland, prime or unique agricultural lands) <i>Source of Information: City Maps.</i>
Key N	9. Vegetation & Wildlife Species & Habitats, Including Fish (e.g., terrestrial, avian and aquatic life and habitats) <i>Source of Information: Personal information.</i>
Key N	10. Unique, Endangered, Fragile, or Limited Environmental Resources, Including Endangered Species (e.g., plants, fish or wildlife) <i>Comments and Source of Information: NRIS</i>
Key N	11. Unique Natural Features (e.g., geologic features) <i>Comments and Source of Information: None within project area.</i>
Key N	12. Access to, and Quality of, Recreational & Wilderness Activities, Public Lands and Waterways, and Public Open Space <i>Comments and Source of Information: City & Area Maps</i>
HUMAN POPULATION	
Key B	1. Visual Quality – Coherence, Diversity, Compatibility of Use and Scale, Aesthetics <i>Comments and Source of Information: Potential of improved aesthetics of properties through rehab or demolition of vacant buildings.</i>
Key N	2. Nuisances (e.g., glare, fumes) <i>Comments and Source of Information:</i>
Key N	3. Noise—suitable separation between noise sensitive activities (such as residential areas) and major noise sources (aircraft, highways & railroads) <i>Comments and Source of Information:</i>
Key B	4. Historic Properties, Cultural, and Archaeological Resources <i>Comments and Source of Information: There is potential positive impact on restoration of properties. Historic Preservation Office</i>

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Key N	5. Changes in Demographic (population) Characteristics (e.g., quantity, distribution, density) <i>Comments and Source of Information:</i>
Key B	6. General Housing Conditions - Quality, Quantity, Affordability <i>Comments and Source of Information: Project will improve quality of housing.</i>
Key N	7. Displacement or Relocation of Businesses or Residents <i>Comments and Source of Information: Demolition of vacant structures only, no dislocation of residents to occur.</i>
Key B	8. Public Health and Safety <i>Comments and Source of Information: Potential alleviation of safety issues, i.e. faulty wiring, unsound foundation.</i>
Key B	9. Lead Based Paint, Asbestos and/or Mold <i>Comments and Source of Information: Potential removal of lead-based paint, asbestos during rehab or demolition.</i>
Key B	10. Local Employment & Income Patterns - Quantity and Distribution of Employment, Economic Impact <i>Comments and Source of Information: Potential of improved economic impact through rehab of multi-family housing units in employee recruitment efforts.</i>
Key N	11. Local & State Tax Base & Revenues <i>Comments and Source of Information:</i>
Key N	12. Educational Facilities - Schools, Colleges, Universities <i>Comments and Source of Information:</i>
Key N	13. Commercial and Industrial Facilities - Production & Activity, Growth or Decline <i>Comments and Source of Information:</i>
Key N	14. Health Care – Medical Services <i>Comments and Source of Information:</i>
Key N	15. Social Services – Governmental Services (e.g., demand on) <i>Comments and Source of Information:</i>
Key N	16. Social Structures & Mores (Standards of Social Conduct/Social Conventions) <i>Comments and Source of Information:</i>
Key N	17. Land Use Compatibility (e.g., growth, land use change, development activity, adjacent land uses and potential conflicts)

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		<i>Comments and Source of Information:</i>
Key B	18.	Energy Resources - Consumption and Conservation
		<i>Comments and Source of Information: Potential of reduced consumption and conservation through energy efficiency upgrades.</i>
Key N	19.	Solid Waste Management
		<i>Comments and Source of Information:</i>
Key N	20.	Wastewater Treatment - Sewage System
		<i>Comments and Source of Information:</i>
Key N	21.	Storm Water – Surface Drainage
		<i>Comments and Source of Information:</i>
Key N	22.	Community Water Supply
		<i>Comments and Source of Information:</i>
Key N	23.	Public Safety – Police
		<i>Comments and Source of Information:</i>
Key B	24.	Fire Protection – Hazards
B		<i>Comments and Source of Information: Potential reduction of fire hazards by replacing outdated and sometimes dangerous utilities (i.e. furnace, wiring)</i>
Key N	25.	Emergency Medical Services
		<i>Comments and Source of Information:</i>
Key N	26.	Parks, Playgrounds, & Open Space
		<i>Comments and Source of Information:</i>
Key N	27.	Cultural Facilities, Cultural Uniqueness & Diversity
		<i>Comments and Source of Information:</i>
Key N	28.	Transportation Networks and Traffic Flow Conflicts (e.g., rail; auto including local traffic; airport runway clear zones - avoidance of incompatible land use in airport runway clear zones)
		<i>Comments and Source of Information:</i>
Key B	29.	Consistency with Local Ordinances, Resolutions, or Plans (e.g., conformance with local comprehensive plans, zoning, or capital improvement plans)
		<i>Comments and Source of Information: Consistent with City of Lewistown Housing Plan, RC&D area plan, SMDC Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.</i>

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<p>Key</p> <p>N</p>	<p>30. Is There a Regulatory Action on Private Property Rights as a Result of this Project? (Consider options that reduce, minimize, or eliminate the regulation of private property rights.)</p>
<p>Comments and Source of Information:</p>	